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FOR ROBERT SERVICE, OFFICE OF FOOD POLICY AND PROGRAMS.

ALSO PASS AGRICULTURE FOR NOVOTNY/FAS.

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SUBJECT: EXTENSION FOOD AID CONVENTION (FAC)

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1. SUMMARY: PAROTTE HELD INFORMAL MEETING OF DONOR

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COUNTRIES FEB. 11 TO REPORT ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH EC

OFFICIALS AND TO PLAN AHEAD FOR FEB. 20 MEETING. HE HAS DRAFTED REVISED PROTOCOL AND HOPES FAC DONORS WILL APPROVE PROTOCOL WITH WARNING TO EC THAT IT MAY NOT BE SIGNED IF EC DOES NOT ANNOUNCE INTENTION PARTICIPATE BY MARCH 22. END SUMMARY.

2. PAROTTE HELD INFORMAL MEETING WITH FAC DONOR COUNTRIES FEB. 11 TO REPORT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS RE EC CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN FAC. COMMISSION REPORTED ALONG SAME LINES AS UK POSITION STATED REFTEL. EC POSITION WILL NOT BE FINALIZED IN TIME FOR FAC MEETING FEB. 20 BUT WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER FEB. 26. COMMISSION SEE CHANCE FOR UK AND DENMARK GIVE AT THAT TIME ALTHOUGH FEAR FORTHCOMING UK ELECTIONS WILL TIE HMG HANDS AND PRECLUDE INITIAL EC AGREEMENT FEB. 26.

3. PAROTTE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH COMMISSION, HAS DRAFTED NEW FAC PROTOCOL COPIES OF WHICH AIRMAILED SERVICE AND NOVOTNY FEB. 11. EC HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING EVEN THOUGH UNABLE COMMIT THEMSELVES.

4. NEW DRAFT PROTOCOL OMITTS ALL REFERENCES TO EC. HOWEVER, PAROTTE SAID UNDERSTOOD THAT EC (UNDER SAME REQUIREMENTS AS WHEN UK AND OTHERS ADOPTED PROTOCOL AFTER ACCESSION) IF AND WHEN JOINING MUST ENTER AT PREVIOUS COMMITMENT LEVEL (1,287,000 TONS).

5. INFORMALLY GROUP DISCUSSED PROTOCOL AND ALSO POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING MEETING. PAROTTE OPPOSED POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE A) LATE IN DAY TO DO SO, AND B) U.S. AS DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN END OF FEBRUARY AS LAST DATE THAT WOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

6. INFORMAL GROUP CONCERNED THAT ADOPTION OF PROTOCOL FEB. 20 WOULD TAKE SOME PRESSURE OFF UK AND DENMARK BECAUSE WOULD GIVE APPEARANCE THAT FAC WOULD GO ON AND NOT FAIL BECAUSE OF EC. SUGGESTION MADE THAT IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTOCOL ACCEPTED LANGUAGE BE ADOPTED TO INDICATE IF EC CONCURRENCE NOT RECEIVED BY COB MARCH 22 THAT OTHERS WOULD NOT RATIFY FAC. THIS SEEN AS WAY OUT OF DILEMMA BY ALLOWING PROTOCOL TO GO FORWARD WHILE KEEPING PRESSURE THAT ONUS OF FAILURE WOULD BE BORNE COMPLETELY BY EC.

7. IN ADDITION IWC SECRETARIAT BELIEVES OTHER DONORS

SHOULD VERBALLY MAKE STRONG STATEMENTS ON FEB. 20 TO  
PRESSURE EC.

8. REVISED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IS:

FEB. 19     ASC  
FEB. 20 A.M. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
FEB. 20 P.M. FAC  
FEB. 21 A.M. COUNCIL  
FEB. 21 P.M. CONTINUE FAC AS NEEDED  
FEB. 22 A.M. COUNCIL (IF NEEDED)  
FEB. 22 P.M. COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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